



Bergen-Cohen – October 2021
 ACBL – Bidding Box Problems



1) North Deals, none vul.

Larry	Marty		
<u>West</u>	<u>East</u>	<u>West</u>	<u>East</u>
♠J9	♠Q864		1♣
♥AQJ6	♥K98	1♥	1♠
♦J652	♦7	1N ¹	2♥ ²
♣Q86	♣AKJ105	4♥	P

- 1) Conservative based on opening light style and very quacky hand.
 - 2) Promises 3 hearts and 0-1 diamond; denies a minimum opening bid.
- Scores:** 4♥ 11; 2♥ 9; 3♥ 7; 3♣ 5; 1NT 3; 2NT 1

2) East Deals, N-S vul.

Larry	Marty (D)		
<u>West</u>	<u>East</u>	<u>West</u>	<u>East</u>
♠K9	♠AQ85		1♦
♥AQ9	♥K105	2♣ ¹	2♠ ²
♦AKQ4	♦J1087	3♦	3N
♣A873	♣K2	4♥ ³	4N ⁴
		5♥ ⁵	6N ⁶
		7♦ ⁷	P

- 1) Larry prefers (if possible) a 2/1 GF auction to using inverted minors.
 - 2) Promises 4 spades, denies 4 hearts, denies 5+ diamonds, so guarantees exactly 4 diamonds.
 - 3) Kickback (keycard ask with diamonds trump).
 - 4) 1 (or 4) keycards.
 - 5) Shows interest in 7♦ (or rarely, 6NT) – asking about kings (usually shows all the keycards and ♦ Q).
 - 6) Accepting the invitation based on an ideal club holding and a maximum for a balanced hand not strong enough for a 14-16 1NT opening.
 - 7) Much happier to play the grand slam in our agreed suit.
- Scores:** 7♦ 12; 6NT 8; 6♦ 3; 7NT